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Railtown 1897 Offers a Hoppin' Good Time With Train Rides & Egg Hunt on Easter Weekend

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown has a variety of special activities planned for Easter weekend, April 23 & 24, 2011. To kick off the festivities and to the delight of the little ones, the Easter Bunny will arrive in rail-related style aboard a locomotive on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Then at 10:30 a.m., kids of all ages can participate in a fun-filled egg hunt on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn.

In addition, the Park will be open as usual all weekend long with Roundhouse tours and steam train excursion rides available on both Saturday and Easter Sunday. Departing hourly from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. both days, the excursion train rides offer a memorable six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip trip experience along the rails of the famous "Movie Railroad," passing through California's scenic Gold Country. Visitors from near and far are welcomed and encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and spend time relaxing and enjoying the holiday weekend at Railtown 1897 SHP.

Normal Park admission prices are in effect during Easter weekend, \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. There is no additional charge for children interested in participating in the egg hunt on Saturday. Tickets for the steam train excursion rides aboard "mountain observation cars" are \$13 for adults, \$6 for youths ages 6-17 and kids five and under are free. All train ride tickets include Park admission and are available on a first-come, first served basis at the ticket window beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the ride.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as "The Movie Railroad," the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org